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Hirokazu Yashiro et al.

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Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

The following amendments and comments are respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action mailed April 3, 2002, with a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on July 3, 2002. Concurrently filed herewith is a Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time, thus extending the period for response to September 3, 2002.

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1 and 9, and add new claim 28, as indicated.

1. (Twice Amended) A motor provided in a turbo-molecular pump, comprising:

a rotary shaft; and

a bearing for radially supporting the rotary shaft, wherein the bearing includes:

a cylindrical rotary member connected to the rotary shaft;

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